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U. S. Will Press To Condemn 3 Red Satellites

Victory Appears Sure In Fight for Balkans Watchdog Commission

LOVETT SEES Comintern revival as challenge to Marshall plan.

By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 9.—The United States, apparently certain of victory in its fight for a United Nations "watchdog" commission in the Balkans, made plain today its intention to press for U. N. condemnation of three Soviet satellites accused of responsibility for Greece's border troubles.

An American spokesman declared that the American delegation would deviate from its position only if the three accused nations—Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria—officially agreed to co-operate with the border commission, which was approved by the U. N.'s 57-nation Political Commission late yesterday by a 34-to-6 vote.

The spokesman added that the three nations had made it evident they had no intention of complying—an assertion to which Bulgarian Delegate Boris Athanasov gave weight by telling interviewers: "They (the United States) have the majority and can keep voting resolutions. They can decide a will is black or white. This is a maneuver. It is riddling a proposal. It is a horse trade and we refuse to take part in it."

Decisions Go to Assembly. The vote on the Greek border watch came as the Political Commission bailed clause by clause on United States' proposals for preserving peace in the Balkans. The commission's decisions will go to the Assembly for final approval after it completes action on the American proposals, but this was generally regarded as little more than a formality, in as much as the committee is composed of representatives of the same 57 nations which make up the Assembly.

Russia, which has demanded that the U. N. find Greece to blame for the border conflict, cannot veto the proposals in the Assembly because it has vetoed only in the 11-nation Security Council.

In yesterday's vote on the border watch commission, Russia was supported in the opposition only by White Russia, the Soviet Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Nine nations, including the Arab bloc and Sweden, Norway and Denmark, abstained. The other members did not vote.

The first vote on the Balkans came suddenly in yesterday's meeting after days of debate. It came so fast that the clause defining the personnel for the commission was left over for decision today along with the controversial section of finding Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria guilty.

Vishinsky Charges Ultimatum. Before the session ended, the United States proposed an 11-nation commission composed of the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China, Mexico, Poland, Brazil, the Netherlands, Australia and Pakistan. Colombia countered with a list including Colombia, Brazil, Belgium, Australia, Poland and Vishinsky.

The vote came after Andrei V. Vishinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister, charged the United States was threatening the three countries with an ultimatum. He accused the United States of "cowardice" in this respect.

The special 57-nation Committee on Palestine, meanwhile, lapsed after waiting for United States and Russian policy declarations. A top State Department official was reported authoritatively to have told a U. N. delegate that the United States would favor a plan for partitioning the Holy Land "with perhaps a few modifications."

There still was no hint of American Palestine policy when the regular delegate in the committee.

On the long-hanging question of finding a Governor for the free territory (See U. N., Page A-4.)

Joe Kuhel New Nats' Manager; Named on Trial Basis for Year

Griffith Announces Successor to Bluege, New Farm Director

By Burton Hawkins

Joe Kuhel is the new manager of the Nationals. President Clark Griffith today announced the appointment of his former first baseman on a trial basis for a one-year term.

"I hope Kuhel will develop into an excellent manager," said Griffith, who admitted he was expecting no miracles of his 41-year-old choice to succeed Ossie Bluege, who will direct the Nats' farm clubs. "I expect to know personally and as a player. He always hustled and I believe his players will show the same sort of aggressiveness for him."

Kuhel, whose 17 years in the major leagues were spent with Washington and the Chicago White Sox, takes over the Nats with four months of managerial experience with a class C club, Hot Springs, Ark., of the Cotton States League, which finished fifth in a six-team league this season.

That record isn't as condemning as it would appear at first glance, however, for Kuhel assumed leadership when the team was buried in the basement on May 28 and struggled through the remainder of the year with eight rookies. The club was restricted to a player limit of 15 including Kuhel, who pinch hit occasionally.

A member of the Society of American Magicians, Kuhel, is a talented card manipulator who has appeared frequently at service centers. He has a son, Joe, Jr., 10, and is a resident (Continued on Page C-1, Column 4.)



JOE KUHEL.

Distillers Due To Start 60-Day Holiday Oct. 25

18 Companies Vote For Shutdown as 21 Postpone Decision

By the Associated Press

A two-month holiday from the distilling of liquor to save upward of 10,000,000 bushels of grain for Europe was in prospect today, beginning about October 25.

Joseph A. Engelhard of Louisville, president of the Distilled Spirits Institute, said it is just a question of mechanics "further out" the date for the shutdown asked by President Truman and his Citizens Food Committee.

Mr. Engelhard told a reporter the switches cannot be pulled overnight but that "it could be done smoothly" in two or three weeks.

"My guess would be around the 25th," he said.

Charles Luckman, food committee chairman, turns his attention next to the beer and ale makers.

Meeting in Chicago Tomorrow. Brewing industry representatives will meet in Chicago tomorrow to discuss possible savings, and will give Mr. Luckman their answer probably early next week.

Mr. Luckman said he has no doubt that the liquor industry will get together on the shutdown, despite some uncertainty which developed at a conference on the plan yesterday. A number of industry officials concurred.

"This was what happened at the conference: Thirty-nine companies were represented. After a two and one-half hour discussion, 18 voted in favor of the shutdown. The remaining 21 firms abstained from voting, saying they were aware of no other alternatives. Mr. Luckman said all the major distillers were represented, but he refused to say how any individual company voted.

Would Ask Extension. The companies, he told newsmen, were asked to (1) close down for 60 days and (2) release immediately all stocks of grain they have on hand or on order.

He said he assured the industry, on behalf of the administration, that there will be no request that the shutdown be extended for a longer time, but he said he could not promise distillers will not be asked to adopt some conservation measures when the holiday is over.

Mr. Luckman said he will name a committee representing the Government, the industry and the Food Committee to handle any hardship cases and to set a date for the holiday, which he declared will start in "not more than three weeks and possibly sooner."

A request also will be made of industrial plants to stop using grain for a similar period. Mr. Luckman said, adding that the one industrial company present at the meeting agreed to go along.

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Force May Be Needed To Keep Order, Pope Tells Congress Group

Subcommittee of House Armed Services Group Received by Pontiff

By the Associated Press

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 9.—Pope Pius told a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee of the United States House of Representatives yesterday that "law and order may at times have need of the strong arm of force."

"Some enemies of justice can be brought to terms only by force," the Pontiff told the group headed by Representative Short, Republican of Missouri. "But force should be held always in check by law and order and be exercised only in their defense. Nor is any man law unto himself."

"If that principle were everywhere accepted and acted on, there would be a greater sense of security among peoples."

In other short addresses to members of Congress and to American Legionnaires, the Pope on Tuesday and Wednesday asked that they use their influence for peace and an orderly world. The texts were made public today.

Addressed Smith-Mundt Unit. The Pope told a joint Senate-House committee studying State Department Information Services and headed by Senator Smith, Republican, of New Jersey, and Representative Mundt, Republican, of South Dakota.

"A very large part of the world looks to you and your colleagues while war-shattered nations grapple with a situation which cannot endure much longer without grave peril to everyone. * * * Bold policies must be formed and carried through."

The Pope told a group of touring Legionnaires, headed by former National Commander Paul Griffith, that "your spirit does not seem belligerent, but your name is." He went on:

"You are veterans of such fields of battle, never to return to them, we hope, and now are organized as a force for peace."

"The pages that tell the history of peace are no less honorable (than those of war) and the Legion, we are sure, will write its devotion to country on those pages with no less glory. The bill of rights for the peaceful country may be lost later in bloodless battle."

The Pope gave his blessing to each group.

Smith-Mundt Committee Leaves Spain for Lisbon. MADRID, Oct. 9 (AP).—The Smith-Mundt Joint Congressional Committee left for Lisbon by plane today after a two-day visit in Spain, during which Representative Mundt, Republican, of South Dakota, and two other committee members conferred for an hour and a half with Generalissimo Francisco Franco in El Pardo Palace.

The group is scheduled to have lunch today with Portuguese Foreign Minister Caetano de Matta on arrival in Lisbon. Portugal will be visited for an hour and a half by Generalissimo Franco in El Pardo Palace.

2,200 March Out Safely In Philadelphia School Fire. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—Benjamin Franklin High School's 2,200 students marched to safety in fire drill precision today as flames swept the three-story tower atop the building.

Three alarms summoned 39 pieces of fire fighting apparatus but it required more than an hour to put out the blaze in the 50-year-old building.

Add B. Anderson, business manager of the Board of Education, said that because of water damage to the lower floors, there will be no classes for several days and probably not before next week.

School officials said there was a minimum of panic and that since a fire drill had been held on Tuesday as part of Fire Prevention Week, most students probably thought it merely was another drill.

The fire reportedly began in the fifth-floor observatory and swept upward in the large stone building.

Students watching the blaze cheered as the flames burst through the roof.

Another \$120,000,000 In Gold Reported Sold To U. S. by Britain

Official Announcement of Deal Reported Held Up Pending New Policy

By the Associated Press

LONDON, Oct. 9.—An authoritative government source indicated today that Britain—dipping further into her dwindling financial reserves—had sold another \$120,000,000 worth of gold to the United States in exchange for dollars.

The informant said he understood that formal confirmation of reports of such a sale had been withheld pending final decision on a new public relations policy governing official disclosure of such transactions.

Britain sold \$80,000,000 in gold to the United States early last month in her first dip into her gold reserve. Before that sale the reserve had been reported to total about \$2,400,000,000.

In addition to this fund, Britain has dollar resources in the holdings of British citizens in dollar stocks and other securities. Their exact total has not been estimated officially in Britain, a Treasury spokesman said today.

\$400,000,000 Loan Frozen. The September gold sale came after the \$400,000,000 balance of Britain's dollar loan from America was frozen by British-American agreement.

The "freezing" followed Britain's announcement that she could no longer hold the convertibility clause of the loan agreement. Under that clause Britain was obliged to provide dollars on demand in exchange for British pound sterling which any third nation earned in current trading.

Britain also obtained \$60,000,000 from an international balance of funds last month in exchange for pounds sterling.

The transaction normally would not have been disclosed officially until the publication of the quarterly report on the fund. Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton said it was announced along with the first sale of gold in order to bring home to the British people the gravity of the nation's economic position.

Britain's withdrawals from her loan usually were announced in Washington.

May Announce Gold Sales. The government informant said Mr. Dalton has under consideration a plan to announce gold sales—twice a week—starting in London with an eye to the effect on the British people. British newspapers of both the Left and Right have said many people do not understand how serious their position is.

Mr. Dalton announced last month that additional gold sales would be necessary. The government's view was that one-third of the (See GOLD, Page A-5.)

Woman Reports Loss Of \$10,000 Diamond

Loss of platinum and diamond ring, valued at \$10,000, was reported today by Mrs. Jean Drury, 1721 Rhode Island avenue N.W.

Mrs. Drury said she apparently lost the ring somewhere between her home and Congress Heights Tuesday. The ring has three one-carat diamonds in an old-fashioned setting, she said.

Typhoon 'Sits Down' on Iwo Jima; 160-Mile Wind Levels Buildings

By the Associated Press. GUAM, Oct. 9.—A devastating tropical typhoon which "sat down" on Iwo Jima leveled some buildings and left others little more than twisted steel and wood, a faint radio message picked up by the Coast Guard station here reported today.

The message, heard this afternoon, was the first communication from the volcanic island 800 miles north of Guam in more than seven hours.

It contained no word of how some 300 Army, Air Force and Coast Guard men and their dependents fared in the lashing storm.

The typhoon brought sustained winds of 130 miles an hour, with gusts up to 160 miles, the message said. It reported a large Quonset hut and one barracks building completely leveled and said damage to others was severe. Water damage was described as great.

No Eggs or Poultry

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Reno Noisiest City; D. C. Ranks as Sixth

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Reno is the noisiest city in the country and traditionally sedate Philadelphia is second in din, a survey revealed today.

The study of 300 cities, made by the Duotone Sound Laboratories annually to determine the Nation's noisiest cities, showed an average 5 per cent decrease in noise this year. Boston is the third noisiest and Washington ranks sixth. New York is away down in 63d place.

What the Russians Are Saying of Us

The Moscow radio, broadcasting in English to Europe, said: "In the press and broadcasts of the United States and the world there is much discussion these days of the problems arising out of the coming economic crisis in the United States and the consequences it will entail for the countries that have in one way or another landed in economic dependence on the United States."

"The present boom is due in considerable measure, as every one knows, to the war hysteria that is being artificially maintained in the United States. The high production figures are in industries working directly or indirectly to supply military needs."

"This was a point made by Andrei Vishinsky in his speech at the United Nations Assembly."



Most Eating Places Serve Eggs Despite 'No-Poultry Thursday'

Restaurant Association Reluctant to Advise Members to Co-operate

By the Associated Press

It was orange juice, corn flakes and coffee this morning for Charles Luckman, chairman of the Citizens' Food Committee, but indications were that most Washingtonians had their usual fried egg for breakfast on their first eggless and poultryless Thursday of the food conservation drive.

Restaurants generally served eggs for breakfast, but some customers were aware of eggless Thursday to ask for them in a hushed tone. The Carlton Hotel, where Mr. Luckman is staying, took all eggs off the menu, offering the usual alternatives of cereals, wheat cakes, cod fish and bacon, ham or sausage. Eggs could be had if the diner insisted, however.

Mr. Luckman took time off from his light breakfast to deny flatly any plan to scrap the poultryless Thursdays, as was reported by one press association last night.

Hesitant About Acting. The Restaurant Association, which has pledged co-operation with the food conservation drive, is hesitant about recommending the meatless Tuesday and eggless and poultryless Thursday plan to its members. Robert J. Wilson, association secretary, said today he believes the majority of restaurants will co-operate next week, but many of them "just simply are not sold on the idea that these days will really save."

The association plans to issue a "directive" suggesting "voluntary" action to its member restaurants today or tomorrow, Mr. Wilson said. The association may discuss it first with the District Commissioners. A meeting with the Commissioners was canceled for earlier this week.

Mr. Wilson said, "The Maryland group in Baltimore earlier this week, refused to recommend the meatless, eggless and poultryless days.

Some restaurants feel they "cannot afford to take meat or poultry from the menu as long as it is being served by competitors. Mr. Wilson said. They want every one to abide by the plan or none at all."

Some restaurants estimate that as much as 50 per cent of their Thursday business features poultry dishes. Mr. Wilson said. The Chicken Hut at 427 Eleventh street N.W., however, today removed all chicken items from its Thursday menu, offering beef dishes instead.

Government cafeterias and restaurants are complying with the eggless and poultryless day plan. The Pentagon cafeterias, snack bars and restaurants estimated 1,500 pounds of poultry and 10,400 dozen eggs would be saved each week. Other savings each week include 800 dozen rolls, 1,500 pounds of butter, over 8 tons of bread and 3 tons of meat.

Store Cafeterias Co-operate. Cafeterias in several large department stores and chain stores reported they are co-operating with the program. The Hecht Co., with (See CONSERVATION, Page A-4.)

Navy Gets 1,400 Miles an Hour From Rocket-Aided Jet Engines

Aeronautics Advisory Committee Expects 2,000 M.P.H. in Drops From B-29

By James Streb

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9.—United States Navy ram-jet engine tests have recorded speeds in excess of 1,400 miles an hour, officials who could not be named, acknowledged today in commenting on British estimates that one of their engines reached 900 miles an hour in a drop test.

If the British speed represents their highest achievement to date, they are behind both the Navy and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which now has under way an extensive drop test program with ram jet engines, with speeds expected to reach up to 2,000 miles an hour.

In its only test thus far, using the least powerful of the several sizes of ram-jet engines built or designed for the purpose, the NACA hit a measured speed of nearly one and one-half times the speed of sound, or just over 1,000 miles an hour.

Another test with a somewhat more powerful modification of the same engine is scheduled shortly at its testing station north of the Virginia Capes, with an expected speed of 1,200 miles an hour.

More powerful engines of the same overall diameter are being readied (See SPEED, Page A-4.)

First Blanket Increase in Rents Is Approved Under Control Law

Creedon Acts on 5% Rise Asked by Louisville Board; No Ceiling in Dakota Area

By the Associated Press

A blanket 5 per cent increase in rents in the Louisville (Ky.) area and removal of ceilings in part of one South Dakota area were approved today by Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon. It was the first action under a section of the new rent control law allowing blanket increases.

Mr. Creedon acted on recommendation of local rent advisory boards created under the Rent Control Extension Act of the last Congress. Simultaneously, he approved continued controls in Charleston, W. Va.; Duluth, Minn.; Superior, Wis.; St. Petersburg, Fla., and New Castle, Ind., as recommended by boards there.

Complete decontrol was approved for Lawrence County, S. Dak., with the exception of the city of Spearfish. This and the 5 per cent increase in Jefferson County, Ky., which includes Louisville, became effective today.

Advisory Boards Set Up. The rent control law provided for creation of local advisory boards in some 400 rent control areas. These boards were empowered to recommend: (1) Increases in rents (2) discontinuance of controls, or (3) continued controls without increases.

Mr. Creedon is required by the law to act within 30 days on any recommendation made to him. Thus the speed of any future actions under this section of the law rests largely in the hands of local boards.

Housing officials said that at present only two recommendations are (See RENTS, Page A-5.)

McCarthy to Press Lumber Price Probe

By the Associated Press. Senator McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin said today that lumber prices "have skyrocketed higher" than any other building material, and a Senate-House committee has assigned two investigators "to see what can be done about it."

He was asked about exceptional taken by the Southern Wholesale Lumber Association to what it termed "severe criticism" from Senator McCarthy of lumber dealers. The Senator is vice chairman of the joint congressional committee investigating housing.

Robert F. Darrach, secretary-manager of the association, disclosed at Birmingham, Ala., last night that the association has written the committee asking a chance to appear before it and reply to an assertion by Senator McCarthy that Congress might have to "crack down" on profits of middlemen in the lumber business.

Senator McCarthy, when making that statement several weeks ago, said lumber costs were up 160 per cent. Mr. Darrach said Senator McCarthy was wrong—the lumber prices were up more than that. Some of the reasons, he said, are that common labor costs have risen from \$1.50 to \$5 a day and pine timber costs from \$2-8¢ a thousand feet to \$10-42¢ or more.

McCoach Urges Budget Based on Existing Taxes

Commissioners Hear Views on District's 1949 Estimates

SENATOR CAIN "pope in" on budget hearing.

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By Newbold Noyes, Jr.

Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., a former District Engineer Commissioner, told the city heads at their public hearing on the 1949 budget today they should hold the voice of the economy-minded "witness stand" in the District Building board room.

Throughout the two-hour session the voice of the economy-minded among the District's citizens spoke loudest and most often.

Hearing Closed. After the citizens had had their say the hearing ended.

With regard to District Budget Officer Walter L. Fowler's recommendation that a sales tax be enacted and the present personal income tax repealed, Gen. McCoach pointed out in his testimony that the board last year urged enactment of a sales tax to further income tax law could not be made equitable.

"We recommend that the Commissioners keep the budget now being prepared within the total estimated revenues under present taxes, even though this might permit capital appropriations only sufficient to continue prosecution of important improvements already authorized and for which partial appropriations have been made," Gen. McCoach said.

Clear-Cut Program Urged. The former Engineer Commissioner urged that the money be spent on new construction projects until a clear-cut program for capital improvements and their financing is adopted and improved.

"Such a program could be financed by an increase in the Federal payment, by borrowing, by additional taxes, or by liquidation of all," Gen. McCoach said.

He added, however, that until the method is agreed upon, there should be no further spending for new construction.

Estimates of department heads submitted last month for the fiscal year 1949, called for a total budget of just under \$144,000,000. Gen. McCoach was scornful of these estimates.

Held of Little Assistance. "Except in a few cases, departmental estimates of assistance in efforts to arrive at any conclusion as to real requirements," he said.

"They constitute only a list of proposed expenditures, with no consideration whatever to the other half of the budget—namely, the means of paying."

Gen. McCoach continued: "I believe that the practice of publishing these greatly excessive departmental estimates has now reached such proportions that most citizens are completely disregarding them as a fair measure of true needs. The cry of 'waste' has been so frequently and regularly sounded that the result conforms to the lesson of the fable."

Earlier, Commissioner John Russell Young greeted those attending the hearing with the suggestion that they should not "waste time" arguing against the \$144,000,000 estimate submitted by department heads.

"That total is absurd on the face of it," Commissioner Young said. "The total is completely unrealistic, and have no intention of submitting any such budget."

Couldn't Raise That Much. Mr. Young said the District could not raise that much money in a year and could not spend it if it raised it.

"We feel it is better to let department heads make foolish estimates than to prevent any department from speaking his mind," Mr. Young said.

"It does no harm, except a momentary one, to the sensibility of our taxpayers."

This was the practical question posed by Commissioner Young: "How can the Commissioners stretch the revenues of the general fund to meet unavoidable costs, and (See BUDGET, Page A-5.)

SOS Stirs Hope for 3 Missing With 4 Ships

By the Associated Press. PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 9.—A faint radio distress signal spurting out of the Pacific kept alive hope today that three American seamen yet could be found safe among four lost minesweepers.

The radio for help gave the call letters of the tug Edward M. Grimm, which cut them adrift 16 days ago while it put into Palmyra, 1,000 miles south of here to replenish exhausted fuel supplies.

The Hawaiian Sea Frontier said there was no doubt that the signal came from a radioman operating an emergency set aboard one of the minesweepers, which have no power.

(One of the